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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. John Theobald on the celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as examples for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1970, John Theobald and Jean Snow were joined in holy matrimony in Norris, Tennessee, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, it all began on that fateful autumn football Saturday at the University of Tennessee when John and Jean were first introduced on a blind date as they cheered the Big Orange at Neyland Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Theobald share a deep love and respect for the outdoors; they are the essence of good-stewards of the land and reside on top of Bays Mountain, in a home built by the skilled and dedicated hands of these two remarkable people; and

WHEREAS, they have been highly respected citizens of the Romeo community in Greene County for over 24 years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jerome and Beatrice Theobald, Dr. Theobald grew up in Skaneateles, New York and traveled to Mississippi where he completed a four-year term of meritorious service in the United States Air Force before pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to academic excellence, he earned a Master's degree at Peabody-Vanderbilt, and a Doctorate of Education from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as the Director of Helping Hands of Hawkins County, Executive Director of the Bristol Regional Rehabilitation Center and, most recently, as an Account Executive with John V. McCarthy and Associates; he has earned the respect and friendship of his clients, staff, and colleagues for the superior quality of his work and his constant positive outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Elmer and Agnes Snow, Mrs. Theobald graduated from Norris High School; subsequently, she attended St. Mary's Nursing School and became a registered nurse; she further pursued her educational goals at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, she has dedicated 24 years to the good people of Greeneville, Tennessee at Takoma Adventist Hospital; she served with great compassion and probity as a Registered Nurse, as a Nursing Supervisor, and, most recently, as the Quality Assurance Director; she earned the nickname "Sunshine" for her unceasing smiles and ability to make others feel good; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Theobald's children are son Leonard Alanson and wife Renee Wilkerson Theobald, and daughter Elizabeth Theobald; and

WHEREAS, their constant companion and never-ending source of energy is Shamrock, a 75-pound Irish Setter, who, after two years, has successfully trained his new family; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Theobald have always been avid outdoor enthusiasts; they have spent countless hours backpacking in the Smokies, whitewater canoeing Tennessee's rivers, and camping on Norris Lake; and

WHEREAS, active ministers of their faith, John and Jean are valued and dedicated members of the Notre Dame Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Theobald's truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever-changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Theobald on the celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.